

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a Workshop on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the workshop at 7:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTER-MUNICIPAL GRANT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Magryta said that at the last meeting it was discussed about potentially engaging with the Village into a grant proposal for a shared services situation that would benefit both the Town and the Village.

Council Member Tautel has reviewed the grant packet and this grant would fall under the General Efficiency Planning Grants part of the program. The Town is waiting for Phase 1 of a proposal from McGoey, Hauser and Edsall on the initial evaluation of the sewer plant. This part of the grant is for the study work, not for implementation. Ms. Tautel would like the Town's part of the grant to be for \$7,800 for Phase II of the sewer study.

Council Member Edsall said there are two (2) options to consider for Phase II. The first option would be to expand the Town's existing facility and the second would be to divert flow to the Village plant.

Council Member Livsey said he hasn't seen the grant packet yet, but he would rather send the flow to the Village than expand the Town's system.

Supervisor Magryta said there seems to be a positive perspective to engage with the Village to apply for this grant.

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Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to go forward and engage with the Village in this grant application for a possible future intermunicipal agreement and to go forward with this grant for a study of connecting the two sewer plants.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays**

AMBULANCE BILLING PROPOSAL

Supervisor Magryta said Capt Stroppel would like to present a new billing company to the Board.

Capt Stroppel said that he received a proposal from E-evolution for a three (3) year contract. Capt Stroppel and Council Member Gokey have met with him and both are satisfied that it is the cheaper and more efficient way to go. In addition to being cheaper it was suggested that the BLS fee be raised from \$300 to \$600 and the cost per mile be raised to \$10 which will bring more revenue into the Town.

Supervisor Magryta would prefer a two (2) year contract with the option for the third.

Capt Stroppel will ask them if this would be acceptable.

Council Member Livsey is ready to move forward with the three (3) year contract.

Council Member Edsall is willing to go with either option.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall that the Town go with the proposal from E-evolution as Capt Stroppel has presented and enter into a contract agreement with them for the three (3) years that they want.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays**

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to raise the BLS fees from \$300 to \$600 and raise the cost per mile from \$9.00 to \$10.00.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays**

EMPLOYEE TIME CAPTURE

Supervisor Magryta said that at the last meeting Council Member Livsey was asked to look into time clocks.

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Council Member Livsey said that time clocks cost anywhere from \$300 - \$500 and electronic models range from \$1,500 - \$2,000.

Council Member Gokey found one for \$395 which links directly to the payroll system.

Council Member Tautel will contact the current company (KVS) and see if that is something that might be able to be added on.

Supervisor Magryta mentioned possibly having a central sign in sheet to capture time/attendance.

Mr. Rider urged the Supervisor to read the Police and Highway contracts and see what they say about that.

Supervisor Magryta suggested a daily e-mail attendance list.

Council Member Edsall thinks the Board should wait and see what Council Member Livsey finds out.

Supervisor Magryta would like to put a sign in sheet in the Town Clerk's office in the interim.

APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Magryta said that most of the appointments were discussed in executive session and the Board has received a copy of the letters of interest submitted.

ZONING CHANGE

Supervisor Magryta spoke to JLK Leasing (Miller project) and it appears that the person he previously spoke to is a principle to an adjoining property. The Supervisor requested that Mr. Miller forward a letter to him asking for a public hearing in March. Supervisor Magryta spoke to the Planning Board Chair and he would like more information on the project.

LIAISONS

Supervisor Magryta said that justification must be made to department liaisons for overtime and unused vacation payment.

Council Member Edsall believes that once a week notification on the overtime would be sufficient.

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Supervisor Magryta said notification on overtime can be made even after the fact.

NEXT WORKSHOP

Supervisor Magryta would like an executive session to discuss appointments and other things. The workshop scheduled for 1/22/10 will be held at 7:30pm and if there are no public comments then the Board will go into executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annie Scott believes accountability is good.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to go into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Board went into executive session at 8:53pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 12:18am.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to adjourn the workshop. Workshop adjourned at 12:19am.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays

Attest,